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REF: SAN SALVADOR 4250

WE CONTINUE TO BE SKEPTICAL THAT ANY GROUNDS WOULD EXIST FOR ALARMING THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES, EVEN SHOULD THE GOH INQUIRE ABOUT MAKING SIMULTANEOUS PURCHASE OF ENTIRE "SHOPPING LIST" OF INFANTRY WEAPONRY. AS WE HAVE INDICATED, WE DOUBT IF THEY WOULD TRY TO BUY EVERYTHING AT ONCE, AMONG OTHER REASONS, BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS. IT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND, FIRST, THAT THE LIMITED QUANTITIES OF ROCKET LAUNCHERS, MORTARS AND MACHINE GUNS ON THE LIST REPRESENT WEAPONRY IN WHICH THE GOES HAS AT TWO OR THREE TO ONE SUPERIORITY OVER THE GOH AND, SECONDLY, THAT THE GOES WOULD PRESUMABLY BE OFFERED COMPARABLE OPTIONS, SHOULD THE HONDURANS ASK TO BUY.
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